

**FY 2024-25: NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**Summary: As Reported by the House Subcommittee**  
**House Bill 5512 (H-1)**



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IDG/IDT	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2024-25	FY 2024-25	FY 2024-25	Difference: House	
	Enacted as of 2/7/24	Executive	House	Senate	Conference	From FY 2023-24 Enacted Amount	%
	\$202,600	\$207,000	\$207,000	\$	\$	\$4,400	2.2
<b>Federal</b>	122,923,800	96,140,700	96,140,700			(26,783,100)	(21.8)
<b>Local</b>	0	0	0			0	--
<b>Private</b>	7,289,200	7,609,200	7,609,200			320,000	4.4
<b>Restricted</b>	353,778,000	371,056,200	353,865,900			87,900	0.0
<b>GF/GP</b>	88,054,500	67,757,000	67,757,000			(20,297,500)	(23.1)
<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$572,248,100</b>	<b>\$542,770,100</b>	<b>\$525,579,800</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(\$46,668,300)</b>	<b>(8.2)</b>
<b>FTEs</b>	2,555.3	2,545.3	2,545.3			(10.0)	(0.4)

Note: Appropriation figures for FY 2024-25 include all proposed appropriation amounts, including amounts designated as "one-time."

**Overview**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages Michigan's natural and cultural resources through conservation and protection. State parks, wildlife, fisheries, forests, and minerals management are all administered by DNR.

		FY 2023-24 Enacted (as of 2/7/24)	FY 2024-25 House Change
<b>Major Budget Changes from FY 2023-24 Enacted Appropriations</b>			
<b>1. Recreation Passport Default Opt-in Revenue</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<u>Executive</u> includes \$17.2 million in new restricted authorization in anticipation of Recreation Passport sales changing from an opt-in model to an opt-out model. Motorists would purchase a passport by default unless they choose to opt-out when renewing motor vehicle registration. Passports would be provided free of charge to resident military veterans. <u>House</u> does not include.	Restricted	NA	0
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>2. Capital Outlay Adjustments</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$58,475,000</b>	<b>(\$8,725,000)</b>
<u>Executive</u> provides a net reduction of \$8.7 million Gross (\$0 GF/GP) for funding decreases to Forest Development Infrastructure; Shooting Range Development, Enhancement, and Restoration; State Game and Wildlife Area Infrastructure; and State Parks Repair and Maintenance. Funding increases are included to Wetlands Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition; Local Boating Infrastructure and Maintenance; and State Boating Infrastructure and Maintenance. <u>House</u> concurs.	Federal	20,000,000	(5,300,000)
	Private	250,000	(250,000)
	Restricted	34,725,000	(3,175,000)
	GF/GP	\$3,500,000	\$0
<b>3. Nature Awaits</b>	FTE	13.8	0.0
<u>Executive</u> reduces GF/GP authorization by \$4.0 million for grants to schools to cover transportation and other costs related to connecting all Michigan fourth grades to the state park system. <u>House</u> concurs.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$8,000,000</b>	<b>(\$4,000,000)</b>
	GF/GP	\$8,000,000	(\$4,000,000)
<b>4. Michigan Historical Center – Archives of Michigan</b>	FTE	56.5	(14.5)
<u>Executive</u> reduces funding for the Michigan Historical Center by \$1.9 million GF/GP and 14.5 FTE positions to reflect Executive Order 2023-6 which transferred the Archives of Michigan from DNR to DTMB. <u>House</u> concurs.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$8,201,900</b>	<b>(\$1,915,300)</b>
	Federal	1,016,000	0
	Restricted	2,223,900	0
	GF/GP	\$4,962,000	(\$1,915,300)

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<b>Major Budget Changes from FY 2023-24 Enacted Appropriations</b>			
<b>5. Vehicle Travel Services</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$890,300</b>
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$890,300 Gross (\$343,100 GF/GP) to cover increased travel costs related to vehicle mileage rates and leasing costs.	Federal	NA	23,000
<u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted GF/GP	NA NA	524,200 \$343,100
<b>6. Modem and Radio Replacement for Law Enforcement and Wildfire Protection</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$878,300</b>
<u>Executive</u> includes \$878,300 GF/GP to replace modem and radio equipment for law enforcement and wildfire protection.	GF/GP	NA	\$878,300
<u>House</u> concurs.			
<b>7. General Law Enforcement – Records Management and Reporting System</b>	FTE	293.0	0.0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$700,000 GF/GP for replacing the conservation officer records management and reporting system.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$51,479,500</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>
<u>House</u> concurs.	Federal	6,901,700	0
	Restricted	27,376,600	0
	GF/GP	\$17,201,200	\$700,000
<b>8. Land and Water Conservation Fund Program</b>	FTE	NA	1.0
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$151,100 Gross (\$76,100 GF/GP) and 1.0 FTE position to administer the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program which provides payments to local units of government to acquire and develop public recreation lands and facilities.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$151,100</b>
<u>House</u> concurs.	Federal	NA	75,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$76,100
<b>9. Accounting Service Center</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$1,501,900</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
<u>Executive</u> includes \$120,000 Gross (\$11,400 GF/GP) to support departmental accounting services.	Restricted	1,359,300	108,600
<u>House</u> concurs.	GF/GP	\$142,600	\$11,400
<b>10. Spending Authorization Alignment</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$341,600</b>
<u>Executive</u> increases private funding by \$570,000 and reduces restricted funding by \$228,400 across divisions to align spending authorization with available resources.	Private	NA	570,000
<u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	NA	(228,400)
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>11. Cultural Resource Management</b>	FTE	2.0	3.5
<u>Executive</u> provides 3.5 FTE positions for cultural resource management which supports departmental archaeological operations and manages identification, treatment, and disposition of Native American cultural items.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<u>House</u> concurs.	GF/GP	\$1,000,000	\$0
<b>12. Removal of FY 2023-24 One-Time Appropriations</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$42,000,000</b>	<b>(\$42,000,000)</b>
<u>Executive</u> removes \$42.0 million Gross (\$17.0 million GF/GP) of one-time funding that was included in the FY 2023-24 budget to support the following:	Federal	22,500,000	(22,500,000)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aggregate mapping (\$5.0 million Gross)</li> <li>Cultural resource management (\$1.0 million Gross)</li> <li>Dam management program (\$1.3 million Gross)</li> <li>Forest land management equipment (\$2.5 million Gross)</li> <li>Fresh water research and innovation center (\$15.0 million Gross)</li> <li>Great Lakes splash pads (\$1.0 million Gross)</li> <li>Invasive species prevention and control (\$2.0 million Gross)</li> <li>Michigan conservation corps (\$500,000 Gross)</li> <li>State water trail organizations (\$500,000 Gross)</li> <li>Swimming pool repair project (\$200,000 Gross)</li> <li>Swimming pool restoration project (\$5.0 million Gross)</li> <li>Urban and community forestry assistance (\$7.5 million Gross)</li> <li>Wetland restoration in urban areas (\$550,000 Gross).</li> </ul>	Restricted	2,500,000	(2,500,000)
<u>House</u> concurs.	GF/GP	\$17,000,000	(\$17,000,000)

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<b>13. Economic Adjustments</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>
<u>Executive</u> reflects increased costs of \$6.9 million Gross (\$608,900	IDG/IDT	NA
GF/GP) for negotiated salary and wage increases (5.0% on October 1,	Federal	918,900
2024), actuarially required retirement contributions, worker's	Private	0
compensation, building occupancy charges, rent, and other economic	Restricted	5,358,500
adjustments.	GF/GP	\$608,900
<u>House</u> concurs.		

**Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24**

**Sec. 207. Disciplinary Action Against State Employees – RETAINED**

Prohibits department from disciplining state employees for communicating with members of the legislature and their staffs, unless communication is prohibited by law. (Governor deemed this section unenforceable in FY 2023-24.)

Executive deletes, House retains.

**Sec. 210. Contingency Fund Transfer Authority – REVISED**

Provides authority for contingency fund transfers of up to \$5.0 million restricted; authorizes expenditure after legislative transfer to specific line items.

Executive retains, House revises to \$25.0 million restricted.

**Sec. 212. Expenditure Posting on Internet – RETAINED**

Requires expenditures to be reported on the internet on a searchable website, including specific expenditure information.

Executive deletes, House retains.

**Sec. 213. Restricted Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balances – RETAINED**

Requires annual report on fund balances, revenues, and expenditures for state restricted funds for previous and current fiscal years.

Executive deletes, House retains.

**Sec. 214. Website Scorecard – DELETED**

Requires department to maintain on a publicly accessible website a department scorecard with key metrics concerning the department's performance.

Executive deletes, House concurs.

**Sec. 218. Remote Working – RETAINED**

States legislative intent to prioritize in-person work for the state's workforce where possible unless they were working remotely prior to February 28, 2020.

Executive deletes, House retains.

**Sec. 219. State Administrative Board Transfers – DELETED**

Allows legislature to adopt a concurrent resolution to intertransfer funds within the department's budget if the State Administrative Board transfers appropriated funds. (Governor deemed this section unenforceable in FY 2023-24.)

Executive deletes, House concurs.

**Sec. 221. Receipt and Retention of Reports – RETAINED**

Requires department to receive and retain copies of all reports.

Executive deletes, House retains.

**Sec. 222. Report on Policy Changes Made to Implement Public Acts Affecting Department – RETAINED**

Requires department to report on each specific policy change made to implement a public act affecting the department that took effect during the prior calendar year by April 1.

Executive deletes, House retains.

**Sec. 223. Severance Reporting – DELETED**

Requires department to report details of severance pay for certain departmental employees.

Executive deletes, House concurs.

**Sec. 224. Expending Available Work Project Authorization – RETAINED**

Advises department not to expend appropriations until existing work project authorization for the same purpose has been expended. (Governor deemed this section unenforceable in FY 2023-24.)

Executive deletes, House retains.

## **Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24**

### **Sec. 225. Registered Apprentices – NEW**

Prohibits departmental funding from being used for building construction, repair, or remodeling unless performed by registered apprentices.

House adds new section.

### **Sec. 229. Energy and Noise Efficiency – RETAINED**

Requires preference for goods and services that are energy efficient and minimize noise pollution.

Executive deletes, House retains.

### **Sec. 230. Single Grant Recipients – DELETED**

Provides process requirements for grants or projects awarded to single recipient organizations or local governments.

Executive deletes, House concurs.

### **Sec. 231. General Receive and Expend – DELETED**

Allows the department to receive public or private revenue and expend said revenue for a defined purpose if specified; allows public or private revenue to carryforward to succeeding fiscal years without lapsing to the general fund; requires the department to notify HFA and SFA within 10 days of approval of additional spending authorization by SBO.

Executive adds new section, House does not add.

### **Sec. 242. Testing Laboratories – DELETED**

Prohibits the department from consolidating their testing laboratories.

Executive deletes, House concurs.

### **Sec. 408. Land Transactions – RETAINED**

Requires detailed report to legislature on land purchases, sales, and exchanges.

Executive deletes, House retains.

### **Sec. 501. Work Project – Nature Awaits – DELETED**

Authorizes unexpended funds for Nature Awaits totaling \$8.0 million to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to support the Nature Awaits program in the Parks and Recreation Division.

Executive deletes, House concurs.

### **Sec. 1201. Work Project – Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative’s Border-To-Border trail, Copper Peak ski jump project, and Michigan the Beautiful Initiative (repurposing work project balance) – NEW**

Repurposes equipment lifecycle replacement and body cameras for conservation officers work project balances for Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative’s Border-To-Border trail (\$3.0 million), Copper Peak ski jump project (\$1.0 million), and Michigan the Beautiful Initiative (\$1.0 million). The equipment lifecycle replacement and body cameras for conservation officers work projects were first appropriated in FY 2022-23 and had a combined carryforward balance in excess of \$5.0 million GF/GP at the end of FY 2023-24.

House adds new section.

### **Sec. 1201. Work Project – Aggregate Mapping – DELETED**

Authorizes unexpended funds for aggregate mapping totaling \$5.0 million to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to map aggregate deposits of this state.

Executive deletes, House concurs.

### **Sec. 1202. Work Project – Dam Management Grant Program – DELETED**

Authorizes unexpended funds for Dam Management Grant Program totaling \$1.3 million to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used for dam management grants.

Executive deletes, House concurs.

### **Sec. 1203. Work Project – Forest Land Management Equipment – DELETED**

Authorizes unexpended funds for Forest Land Management Equipment totaling \$2.5 million to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to acquire new forest land management equipment.

Executive deletes, House concurs.

### **Sec. 1204. Fresh Water Research and Innovation Center – DELETED**

Awards \$15.0 million GF/GP to nonprofit Discovery Great Lakes in Traverse City to build a fresh water research and innovation center on Lake Michigan.

Executive deletes, House concurs.

**Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24**

***Sec. 1205. Invasive Species Prevention and Control Fund Deposit – DELETED***

Deposits funding for Invasive Species Prevention and Control into the Invasive Species Fund.  
Executive deletes, House concurs.

***Sec. 1206. Work Project – State Water Trail Organizations – DELETED***

Authorizes unexpended funds for State Water Trail Organizations totaling \$500,000 to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to support state water trail organizations.  
Executive deletes, House concurs.

***Sec. 1207. Swimming Pool Repair Project – DELETED***

Awards \$200,000 GF/GP to the City of Ypsilanti to repair a public swimming pool.  
Executive deletes, House concurs.

***Sec. 1208. Swimming Pool Restoration Project – DELETED***

Awards \$5.0 million GF/GP to the City of Lansing to restore a public swimming pool.  
Executive deletes, House concurs.

***Sec. 1209. Work Project – Urban and Community Forestry Assistance – DELETED***

Authorizes unexpended funds for Urban and Community Forestry Assistance totaling \$7.5 million to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to increase equitable access to urban tree canopy and associated human health benefits, broaden community engagement in local urban forest planning, and increase resilience to climate change.  
Executive deletes, House concurs.